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**Re:** U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/574,700

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**ATTACHED: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION.**

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Takashi SHIOTA	)	Group Art Unit:	2834
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on April 19, 2007, wherein the Examiner:

1. Rejected Claims 1-2 under Section 112, second paragraph, on grounds that they are indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter and failing to define the invention.
2. Rejected Claims 1-2 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith, U.S. Patent No. 3,483,463, or, in the alternative, under Section 103(a) as being obvious over Smith.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

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**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**An Appendix** at the end of this paper is enclosed, containing:

- A. Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address; and
- B. Supplemental Application Data Sheet.